



TIME & PLACE

The Balance of State's Northeast Region meeting was called to order at **10:04 AM** on **Friday, January 10th, 2025, online via Zoom.**

CALL TO ORDER

Reginald Glenn, CES Data Bridge Director, called the meeting to order.

ATTENDEES

Present were the following:

Name	Agency	Name	Agency
Reginald Glenn	BoS CoC	Chiquita Dent	CCSM
Karen Allison	MississippiCares	V. Bland	CCSM
Sara Archer	MississippiCares		

AGENDA ITEMS

- I. Welcome/Introductions
- II. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - a. Minutes were approved for our previous meeting on December 13th, 2024. Northeast Coalition Minutes can be found here: <https://msbos.org/northeast/>
- III. Updates from Member Agencies
 - a. MUTEH Inc.: The Tupelo team is working on providing "Christmas-In-A-Box" for select clients. If you want to help with this project, please contact M. Grayson OR K. Hamby.
 - b. LOU Project Connect: The Homeless Coalition of Oxford is hosting a Project Connect for the LOU area during the PIT Count in January 2025. The event will be held at the Lafayette County Public Library from 10am-6pm.
- IV. Coalition Business
 - a. **2025 Point-In-Time (PIT) Count**
 - i. Date: January 28th-31st, 2025
 - ii. For more information regarding the PIT Count and Resources surrounding the Count, visit: <https://msbos.org/pit/>
 - b. **Important PIT Information**
 - i. **When is the 24-hour PIT reference period?** *January 28th, 2025 @ 12:00 a.m. – January 29th, 2025 @ 12:00 a.m.*
 - ii. **How long can the surveys be conducted?** *Tuesday, January 28th, 2025 - Friday, January 31st, 2025*
 - iii. **Who do we count?** Sheltered homeless persons (emergency shelter or transitional housing clients) and Unsheltered (living in a place not meant for human habitation)
 - c. **How Do I Volunteer for the PIT?**
 - i. **#1: Complete Volunteer Registration**
 1. If you or your organization would like to volunteer for the PIT Count, please submit an online volunteer form
 - ii. **#2: Volunteer Orientation Videos**
 1. To prepare volunteers to count, we prepared videos that give examples of how to conduct various surveys and provide quick tips for a safe and

successful count. **NOTE: We tried to get Pixar to animate some of our videos but couldn't afford it, so they asked ME to do it. (You've been warned.) 😊 HINT: YOU CAN WATCH THE VIDEOS AND TAKE THE QUIZ IF YOU SKIP TO STEP #3**

iii. **#3: Volunteer Orientation Quiz**

1. In addition to volunteers watching the PIT Count videos, all volunteers **MUST COMPLETE** the volunteer orientation quiz before assisting with the count. Results will be recorded, and the scores will be emailed to you after submission.
- iv. If you have questions about any process of the Count, please contact Reginald Glenn, PIT Count Coordinator, at rglenn@msbos.org

d. **2025 PIT Planning Notes**

i. **Targeted Count Areas**

1. Tupelo – Jan 28th
2. Columbus + GTR - Jan. 28th, 9am at the Columbus Riverwalk
3. Oxford – Jan. 28th at the Oxford Library
4. Corinth – Jan 29th at Crosswind Ministries

ii. **PIT Leaders for Target Areas**

1. Tupelo: M. Grayson + K. Hamby
2. Corinth: A. McCullar
3. GTR: C. Dent, D. Styron
4. Oxford: J. Noe, S. Archer

iii. **Agencies/Volunteers to Contact or Locate**

1. Tupelo: All Saints, TSA Tupelo, Carnation St., Eastside Tupelo, Tupelo Library
2. GTR: Include S. Gartner, J. Tucker (SafeHaven DV), V. Bland, C. Dent's church members, and other CCSM social workers.
3. Oxford: Contact Doors of Hope TH, Interfaith Compassion Ministry, UMaatter (Ole Miss), Love Abounds, LOU Mercy Re-entry Center, and Rapha's House.

e. **Waitlist**

- i. The agencies present provided updates for the Regional Housing Waitlist, and case conferencing was conducted.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.